

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An organic EL panel having a substrate and an organic EL laminated body formed on the substrate, said organic EL laminated body being formed by interposing at least one organic layer between a pair of electrodes, said organic EL panel further including a cover for protecting the organic EL laminated body from the outside air, characterized in that:

at least one desiccating member is provided within the cover on the central area thereof and separated from the organic EL laminated body,

a concave portion is formed on one surface of the desiccating member, said one surface being orientated to face the organic EL laminated body, and

a drop prevention sheet for preventing the drop of desiccating member is provided between the desiccating member and the organic EL laminated body.

2. (Previously Presented) The organic EL panel according to claim 1, wherein the desiccating member is a hygroscopic molded body attached to the inner surface of the cover, the hygroscopic molded body has a concave surface facing the organic EL laminated body.

3. (Original) The organic EL panel according to claim 1, wherein the desiccating member is a hygroscopic molded body attached to the inner surface of the cover, the

hygroscopic molded body has a plurality of concave portions formed on its one surface facing the organic EL laminated body.

4. (Original) The organic EL panel according to claim 2 or 3 , wherein the inner surface of the cover is formed with at least one attachment section adapted to receive the hygroscopic molded body.

5 - 12 (Canceled).